THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) A long-term analysis of ground water levels by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) during the years 1982—2001 indicates decline in ground water levels by more than 20 cm/year in some parts of Ahmedabad, Amreli, Banaskantha, Baroda, Bharuch, Bhavnagar, Dangs, Jamnagar, Junagadh, Kheda, Kutch, Mehsana, Panchmahal, Rajkot, Sabarkantha, Surat, Surendranagar and Valsad districts of Gujarat.

(b) The Government of Gujarat have constructed about 20,000 check-dams and deepened about 1100 tanks under Sardar Patel Participatory Irrigation Scheme. Check-dams and tanks have proved as effective tools for water conservation and ground water recharge. The CGWB has also implemented 3 recharge projects in Gujarat during the Ninth Plan.

(c) Government of Gujarat has earmarked Rs. 210 crore for Sardar Patel Participatory Irrigation Scheme.

(d) The CGWB has allocated an amount of Rs. 20.05 lakh for implementation of 3 recharge schemes in Gujarat during last three years. The proposal for implementation of a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Artificial Recharge of Ground Water and Rain Water Harvesting" during the Tenth Five Year Plan is at consultation stage. As such, details of funds likely to be released to the State of Gujarat in current year cannot be given at this stage.

Rural Water Conservation Scheme

4163. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :

SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU) :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any plans to start Prime Minister Rural Water Conservation Scheme;

(b) if so, whether Central assistance would be given to States for developing and restoring water harvesting structures;

(c) if so, to what extent; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) to (d) The Prime Minister in his address to the Nation on Independence Day-2002 has stated that a scheme *viz.*

"Pradhan Mantri Grameen Jal Samvardhan Yojna " would be unveiled shortly. The scheme is under formulation and details are being worked out.

Surplus Floodwaters to Rajasthan

4164. SHRI K. RAHAMAN KHAN :

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rajasthan Government has demanded 12 MAF of water from the surplus floodwaters of Ganga;

(b) if so, the action taken on the demand of supplying water to Rajasthan;

(c) what has been the result of the study conducted by Central Water Commission to assess quantum and period of surplus floodwaters of Ganga; and

(d) whether the National Water Development Agency has been directed to complete the water balance studies and come up with its recommendations regarding surplus water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has been entrusted to carry out the studies on feasibility of utilization of surplus waters of the Ganga in the Yamuna basin and to give its recommendations, whereafter the sharing of surplus waters could be considered by the Ganga Flood Control Board.

(c) NWDA is the organization which is carrying out the water balance and other related studies concerning transfer of surplus Ganga waters to the Yamuna basin. These studies have not been completed.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Modernization of Irrigation Projects

4165. SHRI SURENDRA LATH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received some proposals from the State Governments for modernization of the irrigation projects in their respective States;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the proposals received by Government during the last three years;